

I do not support this petition, RM-10781, as it attempts to restructure the current Amateur Radio Operator license structure and the Amateur Radio band plans. The Commission has, through previous rule making processes, determined that Morse code testing is required in the Amateur Radio Service solely as an obligation under international treaty. Now that the obligation has been lifted, it does not make sense to change the licensing structure to require Element 1 for some license classes but not for other license classes. Eliminating Element 1 altogether would be a much easier and more efficient way to promote increased interest and active participation in the Amateur Radio Service. The Commission should move immediately to eliminate Element 1 and Morse code testing requirements from all license classes without further discussion. This matter was adequately addressed in 1999.